SHARING, CARING AND TOUCHING LIVES!!!

10

AFRICAN AMERICAN OUTREACH INITIATIVE

YEAR ANNIVERSARY

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA
Ryan White Program
PART A
HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

MARCH 14-15, 2009

The Loudermilk Center
40 Courtland Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

African American Outreach Initiative

A New Beginning
A New Attitude

"It Ain't Over Yet....."

"Yes, We Can!" We have reached a major milestone in our efforts to improve the quality of life for individuals living with HIV in Metropolitan Atlanta. The African American Outreach Initiative, a program of The Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Services Planning Council welcomes you the 10th Annual African American Outreach Initiative. Whether you are new to this "rite of spring" in Atlanta or your are one of the people with a history of participation in our annual event, it is my hope that you will take the time to reflex on the past decade of "Caring, Sharing and Touching Lives" of a segment of our community that has been personally impacted by the HIV disease. In your reflections know that the committee that makes up the African American Outreach Initiative has a sustained vision of modulating the pain and dis-ease that come with an HIV diagnoses. Our mission remains the unchanged, it is to encourage African Americans....who are living with HIV/AIDS to access holistic treatment services; in order to increase utilization of health care and promote medical adherence by providing information on available services, programs and other resources. A major thrust in this year's efforts is to reach more individuals that may be inhibited by social and physical barriers (i.e. homelessness, addiction). We want to work harder to make accommodations available for this most vulnerable population.

The magnitude of this event over the past 10 years has only been made possible by a diverse assembly of volunteers, which includes individuals from many of the community's AIDS Services and Community Based Organizations, other human services providers, the pharmaceutical community, academic arenas and consumers of services that have given of their talents to insure that the superior quality of this community initiative is sustained year after year.

Ten Years of service to the African American Outreach Initiative has been a life defining experience for me as well as the many other altruistic volunteers who have given of their talents during this journey. I want to publicly acknowledge and thank all on behalf of all the individuals whose lives have been transformed by the AAOI Experience.

As we transition into the second decade of service to Atlanta communities, the rates of HIV infection continue to present in disproportionate numbers. We realize that we have achieved a milestone; however we have not reached the Promised Land. The fight will continue!!!

"10 Years of Caring Sharing and Touching Lives"

Michael Banner

Michael Banner
African American Outreach Initiative
Planning Committee Chair

The African American Outreach Initiative

The African American Outreach Initiative is a program of the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Services Planning Council. Prior to being established a Planning Council program it was a program of the African American Initiative Task Force that started as an ad hoc committee given the responsibility of developing an outreach strategy to encourage people of color to seek treatment for HIV and to maintain treatment. A diverse group of volunteers comprised of service providers, consumers, and community representatives developed its goal:

Encourage African Americans, who are HIV+, to access holistic treatment services in order to increase utilization of health care and promote medical adherence by providing information on available services, programs, and other resources.

The Task Force conducted focus groups and distributed surveys at four service provider agencies. The information collected was used to plan an educational forum. The weekend of the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS was chosen for the first educational forum. A logo was created and the first Outreach Initiative was held on March 11, 2000 at the Wyndam Garden Hotel in downtown Atlanta. The theme of the first initiative was "*The Hope Continues . . . A New Century, A New Beginning, A New Attitude: African Americans Living Positive*". Over 150 people attended the first Initiative.

Needing a larger facility, the Initiative moved to the Holiday Inn Atlanta/Decatur in downtown Decatur for the 2001 Initiative. The space was needed because more than 250 people attended. Based on feedback from participants during the first year, a Resource Directory was developed, listing services available in the Atlanta Metropolitan area, and the time for break out discussion group sessions was increased. The Initiative was expanded to two days in 2002 and an observance of the Black Church Week of Prayer was added to the Sunday program. The Initiative has continued to grow and again moved in 2004 to a larger facility.

In its ninth year, the African American Outreach Initiative has always been a volunteer effort. The planning committee is comprised of some individuals who have been involved since the beginning; others have joined along the way. Some of the committee members became involved after attending the Initiative. The planning committee meets over a nine-month period to plan each year's activities. Additional volunteers attend the Initiative annually to perform a variety of tasks. All of the speakers, workshop presenters, panelists, and group facilitators volunteer their time and services. Our charge is to continue to strive to bring information on taking care of your body, your mind, and your soul to African Americans positively living positive.

WE REMEMBER

Richard Anderson, Serapis Khepra aka K-Rock, Gloria Lamar, Brenda Salter, and Carmen Wilson

Loved ones, who transition are never lost....They are merely a breath, prayer, whisper or thought away! "To live is Christ to die is gain!"

JOHN LEWIS
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February 17, 2009

The 10th Annual African American Outreach Initiative
Sharing, Caring and Touching Lives
March 14-15, 2009

Greetings:

It is with great pride and pleasure that I join the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council in welcoming you to the 10th Annual African American Outreach Initiative.

The African American Outreach Initiative (AAOI) is presented by the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council with a local program committee. The overall goal of the conference is to "identify African Americans who are HIV positive or living with AIDS to access healthcare and holistic treatment services. This conference also recruits newly diagnosed HIV+ persons in hope to help them to increase utilization of health services and promote medical adherence by providing information on available services, programs and other community resources". The theme for this year's event is, "Sharing, Caring and Touching Lives".

On behalf of the United States Congress and the citizens of the 5th Congressional District, Georgia, I applaud the invaluable service the African American Outreach Initiative provides through this two-day conference to the City of Atlanta, and I am honored that it should take place within my district. I wish everyone strength in the face of HIV/AIDS, and in the AAOI's 10th Year Anniversary, may I extend my hope for many more to come.

Best Wishes,

John Lewis

John Lewis
Member of Congress

JL: jhm

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Congratulations on Your 10th Anniversary

I am pleased to congratulate you and extend warm wishes to the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council for a successful 10th year African American Outreach Initiative. As you commemorate this special milestone, I am reminded of the strides which have been made in identifying and getting into care, African-Americans living with HIVAIDS, who otherwise would not have known about our services. The contributions of the many who have given to the success of AAOI during these ten years are both commendable and greatly appreciated.

As Director of the Fulton County Ryan White Program, and partner in the Metropolitan Atlanta Health Services Planning Council, I can without reservation say that this annual event has touched the lives of countless persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

As the African American Outreach Initiative begins its 11th year, I am confident that you will continue the legacy of increasing utilization of health services and medical adherence. In so doing, the African American Outreach Initiative through the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council will help to ensure the continued success of the Ryan White Program.

Best wishes for a continued legacy of removing health disparities, and increasing the utilization of health services and medical adherence.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cheek, Director
Ryan White Program

SCHEDULE

THE AFRICAN ADINKRA SYMBOLS: WEST AFRICAN WISDOM

DWENNIMMEN
"Ram's horns"
Symbol of humility together with strength.

AKOMA
"The heart"
Symbol of patience and tolerance

SESA WORUBAN
"I change or transform my life"
Symbol of life transformation

NYAME NNWU NA MAWU
"God never dies, therefore I cannot die"
Symbol of the immortality of man's soul.

WORKSHOP SYMBOLS

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LOUDERMILK CENTER
Conference Room Names

- Amphitheatre
- Anne Cramer
- Childs/Young
- Duke 1
- Duke 2
- Mark C. Pope

Saturday
MARCH 14, 2009

7:00-8:00
REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00-8:15
WELCOME/INSPIRATIONAL
Dr. Kimberley Dobson

Mistress of Ceremony

8:15-8:30
AAOI COMMITTEE RECOGNITION

8:30-8:55
OVERVIEW OF AGENDA
Antoinette Barnes
AAOI OUR STORY
Jeanette Nu'Man

9:00-11:45
NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM
Moderated by Sabrina Clark
Amphitheatre

This workshop is for anyone who is not in care, has fallen out of care, is homeless or dealing with substance abuse, and has been out of the system for 6 months or more. In this workshop you will be able to interface with health care providers and discuss the requirements of case management offered by Ryan White Title Services. You will receive information care services, your role, what you are responsible for and your rights. You will be able to talk presenters about how to get the best out of case management services so that you are better educated about community services and empowered to take control of your life and improve your health outcomes

Agencies participating in this workshop:
- AbsoluteCare
- AID Atlanta
- Crossroads Ministries
- Fulton County Health Department
- Living Room
- Positive Impact
- St. Joseph's Mercy Care Services
- Travelers Aid

WORKSHOPS
9:00-10:15

THE IMPACT OF A CHANGING ECONOMY: HOW NOT TO FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS
Sandra Vincent
Pope 1

This workshop will provide and overview of the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act. Understanding the relationship between the economy and funding available for social services, including HIV care and support services. What can you expect, how can you prepare?

WAIT TIL I GET MY MONEY RIGHT: MONEY MANAGEMENT IN THIS ECONOMY
Bobby J. Hawkins
Pope 2

Consumer credit and financial management will be covered in this session. Learn how to understand what your resources are. How is it that you live within your financial means and stay healthy in the current economy?

HIV SELF MANAGEMENT: A WHOLISTIC APPROACH
Goddess Tiroo-mah
Duke 2

Unlocking the door to HIV Management through nutrition, meditation and exercise.

PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME LOSE MY MIND
Gwen Davies, Veronica Motley, & Anthony Estelle
Childs/ Young

Maintaining emotional health for the long haul. Prevention of depression that can occur as reactions to medication, side effects, changes in relationships over time. (recommended for individuals living with HIV more than 5 yrs.)

"Positively Safe Sex" Think Positive, Act Positive While Staying Positive"
Seshu Sarma
Duke 1

This workshop discusses the impact of STDs on HIV transmission and elaborates on how such transmission can be minimized by practicing safe sex, preventing, screening and early treatment of STDs in order to prevent HIV transmission in discordant couples.

10:15-10:30
Break

10:30-11:45

Dating and Relationships 1
Morgana Jones-Dennis, LaShay Harvey
Pope 1

Information on establishing healthy relationships when HIV positive. Information and guidance on intimacy, disclosure, and prevention of transmission.
FOR WOMEN ONLY

Dating and Relationships 2
Craig Washington
Pope 2

Information on establishing healthy relationships when HIV positive. Information and guidance on intimacy, disclosure, and prevention of transmission.
FOR MEN ONLY

(These groups will come together at the end of the day in Dating & Relationships 3)

Patient Empowerment in the Medical Exam Room: How to Maximize the Positive Impact of Your Medical Care Provider Relationship
Francia Wilson; Lyneace Butcher; Daniel Jean-Baptist
Duke 1

The main purpose of this workshop is to galvanize participants with hands-on knowledge, skills and tools for being more effective "self-advocates" in and beyond the clinical/medical exam room setting. This workshop will be highly interactive, inspiring, fun and motivational.

Nutrition: Eating Good & Eating Right
Alene Albritton
Childs/Young

Healthy nutritional practices, including accurate information on supplements, appetite stimulants, appropriate food choices, medical interactions, and safe water consumption. Relationship between nutrition, the immune system, and wasting. (recommended for individuals diagnosed less than 5 yrs.))

Dental Health & HIV
Kimberly Lewis
Duke 2

Discussion on the importance of oral health in reference to possible opportunistic infections and modes of transmission and re-infection and how to prevent transmission of HIV.

The Formation, Transformation, & Transportation of Energy for Reducing Stress & Healing the Body
Ra Kabeer
Anne Cramer

A dynamic workshop geared to aide you in your own ability to relieve stress through energy, relaxation and healing.

11:45-1:00
Lunch

1:15-2:45

Long Term Survival
Jewel Chandler
Pope 1

Strategies for coping with the complications of living with HIV disease. Staying involved in your care. Maintaining a positive perspective on life while dealing with emotional and physical changes. >5y)

Addictive Disease
John Williams
Anne Cramer

This interactive workshop will discuss the potentially detrimental relationships between substance abuse and HIV disease. Prevention practices to address the co-morbid issues and behavior changes necessary to reduce risk for infection and transmission of HIV.

Self Acceptance, Honesty and Empowerment
Gwen Thomas
Duke 1

This workshop will provide participants with insight about how to clam and re-claim and embrace power in one's life. We will discuss self-acceptance, honesty, assertiveness, respect and expression.

Understanding Diagnostic Lab Tests & the Management of HIV Disease
Rosemary Donnelly & Michael Coker
Childs/Young

This workshop will discuss what lab results mean & how HIV meds can affect the body.

What You Need Know as a Person with a "Disability"
Nancy Duncan
Pope 2

This workshop will discuss several laws that will protect a person against discrimination and discuss the services for a person diagnosed with a "disability".

Don't Throw out the Condoms Yet!
Paula Frew & Jeffery Roman
Duke 2

This session will focus on discussing men's empowerment in clinical research. We will discuss methods that we use to encourage community input in the research agenda, ways to build trust in the research process, and approaches that continue to make a difference in the community.

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2:45-3:00
BREAK

3:00-4:30

HIV INFECTED, NOW WHAT?
Tonia Poteat
Anne Cramer

Understanding and sorting through the emotional reactions to an HIV diagnosis. Importance of accessing care. Emotional well being in health maintenance. Interactions with family, friends, lovers. Disclosure, long-term relationships, dating, intimacy. Preventing HIV transmission and re-infection. *(recommended for individuals diagnosed less than 5 yrs.)*

DISCLOSURE
Tesha Tyson
Duke 1

Guidance in making decisions regarding when to disclose HIV status, to whom, under what circumstances, how to disclose, and how to deal with the repercussions.

HOW TO AGE SUCCESSFULLY WHILE LIVING WITH HIV
Barbara Blake, Gloria Taylor, & Tamika Sanchez-Jones
Pope 2

Designed for individuals over 50. Information on the convergence of issues related to aging and those related to HIV. Strategies for appropriate and healthy responses to each.

THIS IS ALL SO CONFUSING?? (HEALTH LITERACY)
Edith Biggers
Duke 2

What is the difference between viral load and t-cell count? Information to help translate HIV lingo and take responsibility for your own health care. (< 5y dx)

DATING AND RELATIONSHIPS PT. 3 (WOMEN & MEN TOGETHER)
Morgana Jones-Dennis, LaShay Harvey, Craig Washington
Anne Cramer

Interactive discussion between women and men on healthy relationships when HIV-positive.

HOUSING: OPTIONS, RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITY
Kenneth Gantt & John Warchol
Pope 1

Discussion on the application process for HIV housing and housing in Metropolitan Atlanta for persons with disabilities. Information on housing resources based on income. Information on financial assistance services offered by the Living Room

4:35-4:50
CLOSING ENTERTAINMENT
To Be Announced

4:50-5:00

INSPIRATIONAL CLOSING
Jeanette Nu'Man

Sunday
MARCH 15, 2009

8:00-9:00
REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST BUFFET

9:00-9:10

WELCOME & OPENING/ INTRODUCTION
Sabrina Taylor/Michael Banner

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD ANDERSON

9:10-9:20
TABERNACLE ANOINTED CHOIR

9:20 – 9:40

KEYNOTE: PASTOR DENNIS MEREDITH
Tabernacle Baptist Church

9:40 –9:50
TABERNACLE ANOINTED CHOIR
9:50-10:00

LITURGICAL DANCE
Andre Johnson

10:15-12:15

FOR WOMEN ONLY
Freda Jones & Teresa Bell
Duke 1

MEN WHO LOVE MEN
Raymond R. Duke & Aeryk Sheilds
Anne Cramer

MEN WHO LOVE WOMEN
George Burgess
Pope 1

CAN I GET AN AMEN!
Gwen Thomas
Childs /Young

12:15-1:30
LUNCH

1:30-2:30

NA MEETING
Eric Wilson
Pope 2

This workshop will allow you to openly discuss topics that address where you are in your day to day living. (Open Discussion)

FOR WOMEN ONLY (CONTD.)
MEN WHO LOVE MEN (CONTD.)

PRIMARY CARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV
Loida Bonney & David Malebranche
Pope 1

This workshop will define, what is "primary medical care" in the context of HIV infection.

2:30-2:45
BREAK

2:45-3:15

CLOSING CEREMONY
Jeanette Nu'Man
Ribbon Ceremony, Basket Give-away

3:15-3:30

INSPIRATIONAL CLOSING
Kevin English

PRESENTERS

Alene Albritton
Alene has been a registered dietitian for people with HIV/AIDS since 2002. She received her undergraduate degree in nutrition from Georgia State University. She is currently pursuing a Master in Public Health, also from Georgia State University. She is currently employed by AbsoluteCare. She belongs to many professional associations including the American Dietetic Association, the Infectious Disease Dietetic Practice Group, the Ryan White Planning Council, and the Assessment Committee of the Ryan White Planning Committee.

Teresa Bell
Teresa Bell is the Public Health Educator and Community Liaison for Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness. Ms. Bell has worked in Public Health for 15 years and has worked extensively on directing special projects aimed at improving healthcare quality, and eliminating disparities through effective program design, community outreach, and training. Ms. Bell has a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and a Masters Degree in Education. Ms. Bell's passion is to continue to provide consultation to other local health departments, local health providers and provide researched methods, materials, brochures, lectures, demonstrations and presentations to the community that promote healthy choices for healthy living.

Edith Biggers
Edith Biggers, MD a practicing physician who has provided medical services for individuals with HIV/AIDS for several years. She is a member of the Advisory Board of Black AIDS.org and has presented and served as a volunteer at the African American Outreach Initiative since its inception.

Barbara J. Blake
Barbara Blake, RN, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Nursing at Kennesaw State University. Her area of nursing practice has been primarily in community health settings. For the past four years Dr. Blake has been involved in HIV projects for the State of Georgia. In addtion, Dr. Blake has co-authored several HIV related publications, presented at national and international conferences, and developed workshops about HIV for nurses and the community.

Linda Bonney
Loida Bonney, MD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the in the Division of General Medicine based at Grady. Having come from an underprivileged background, she has a passion to serve the medically underserved and to do research related to understanding and eliminating health disparities. More specifically, she's interested in HIV and STDs and my current project is a health services research project to identify barriers and facilitators to HPV vaccination in African American and Latina women patients of two community health centers. She cares for a panel of women with AIDS at the Infectious Disease Program, teaches residents at the Primary Care Center, and attends on the general medicine wards.

George Burgess
George Burgess was diagnosed HIV + in April of 1995. George is 54 yrs and a father of 4, and celebrated 13 years in recovery, June 17th, 2008. Currently George is the Outreach Coordinator for the African American Outreach Initiative and Group Facilitator for the Georgia Mental Health Group Network. The following is his journey of positively living.

Lyneace Butcher
Ly. Butcher joined the AGI Client Services Department in January 2009 as the newest Medical Case Manager. She is a Master's level Social Worker who graduated in 2007 from the University of Texas at Arlington, also has a Bachelor's degree in International Relations, and thoroughly enjoys topics relevant to cultural competency in empowering racial, gender, and sexual orientation minority groups. Ly. is grateful to have been so warmly received by the AGI Staff and Volunteers as well as the incredible patients of the Ric Crawford Clinic.

Jewel Chandler
Jewel Chandler is a former advocate, volunteering in the community for the past nine years. She has facilitated women's groups, spiritual retreats, created programs and provided incentives for people living with AIDS &HIV. She is driven by her desire to give back to the community and has participated in workshops and seminars with the AAOI since its inception.

Sabrina Clark
Sabrina Clark is a Disease Investigator Specialist with Fulton County Department

of Health and Wellness in Atlanta. She provides Program Supervision and evaluation for 12 Substance Abuse Agencies, provides leadership and supervision for special projects, and provides orientation and job training to new employees. Sabrina has over 16 years of experience working with Fulton County as a Counselor for STD/HIV/TB clients. She is committed to her work, believes in being client-centered, and is compassionate about teaching clients ways to modify their behaviors.

Gwen Davies

Gwen Davies, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist and Clinical Director of Positive Impact. She has been in this position for four years and loves helping people affected by HIV get connected to mental health and substance abuse services. She says, "I have really seen people turn their lives around when their mental health needs are addressed."

Raymond R. Duke

Raymond Duke MDiv, BSW, CDS is the Senior Prevention Specialist & Team Leader at STAND, Inc. He is a community activist, working directly with men who have sex with men of African descent. He is dedicated to stopping the spread of HIV and other STD's. Raymond is certified pre/post test counselor, partner services coordinator, CDS, prevention case manager & specialist, group facilitator and public speaker.

Nancy Duncan

Nancy Duncan has been the Executive Director of Disability Resource Group since its inception in 1994. Ms. Duncan has provided training for over 20 county governments and her workshop on "Serving Patients with Disabilities" was highly acclaimed by nurses from over 30 health departments. The State ADA Coordinator's Office contracts with Ms. Duncan to do customer service and/or ADA training for state agencies throughout Georgia. Nancy is herself blind, and the mother of three children, one of whom has multiple disabilities and for whom she has been a tireless advocate for the last 25 years.

Anthony Estelle

Anthony Estelle, MA, LAPC is the African American Prevention Coordinator at Positive Impact who also provides mental health services. He has been with Positive Impact for two years and says, "I want to help people know that they can learn to love themselves—many of the African American men I work with do destructive and risky things because they want to be loved and accepted. I want to stop the spread of HIV by empowering men to help themselves."

Paula Frew

Paula Frew, Ph., is currently Assistant Professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases) and Behavioral Sciences and Health Education at Emory University. Dr. Frew also serves as Director of Communications and Community Education- The Hope Clinic of the Emory Vaccine Research Center. Dr. Frew has been with the Hope Clinic since 2002, before it officially opened as a clinical research site. Dr. Frew has been with Emory University for 12 years, previously working as Asst. Director of Educational Programs in the School of Medicine and as Project Director/Senior Editor for the CDC HealthComm Key Project-Center for Public Health Communication.

Kenneth Gantt

Kenneth Gantt is currently the Director of Client Services, Living Room, Inc. Kenneth began working in HIV housing with Southside Healthcare, opening Legacy Village in 1995 as on-site Resident Manager. He later served as a case manager for five years with the Streethome program at AID Atlanta, working with clients dually diagnosed with HIV and substance abuse. Kenneth has been employed by the Living Room since 2001 and has worked as housing intake specialist and as the SNHAP Coordinator. He is an alumnus of Georgia State University.

Goddess Tiroo-mah

Goddess Tiroo-mah has worked in the wholistic arena for over 20 years. Her certifications include Reiki Master, massage therapy, and foot reflexology. Goddess Tiroo-mah teaches classes in anger management, conflict resolution and stress management techniques. Also included in her wholistic repertoire are meditation classes and a 21 Day Awakening the Goddess Self Transformation Journey.

LaShay Harvey

LaShay Harvey began her work in HIV prevention 7 years ago at the University of Central Florida and is currently the coordinator of the VOICES intervention at AIDGwinnett, Inc. She works with incarcerated women throughout Gwinnett, Rockdale and Newton counties in an effort to help them re-negotiate the essential elements of their sexual health; elements such as increasing condom usage, improving communication between partners and reducing

the transmission of HIV and other STDs. LaShay has also travelled to Africa twice to educate their youth on ways to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Bobby J. Hawkins
Bobby J. Hawkins, is VP Primerica Financial Services, Accounting Degree, Life Insurance Licensed, Securities Licensed, and Member of FINRA. A registered representative of PFS Investments. He owned and operated Hawkins Accounting & Income Tax Service for 15 years. He also has 25 years of Money Management experience.

Daniel Jean-Baptist
Daniel Jean-Baptist is currently the Prevention Educator at AID Gwinnett, he also teaches HIV/AIDS Prevention to youth and adults in Gwinnett, Rockdale and Newton County Detention Centers, Drug Treatment Programs, Youth Community Groups, Churches and outreach programs. He develops training curriculum and activities to implement at the various programs served by the agency. He also provides HIV Testing, counseling and education to at risk youth and adults at the agency and other areas in need of HIV Testing services.

Freda Jones
Freda Jones was diagnosed with HIV in 2002,a mother of 4 and grandmother of 2, has worked in several areas of HIV/AIDS within the Atlanta community; facilitating "Reaching Out to Sisters with HIV/AIDS" (ROSHA)program, a certified Pre/Post test Counselor, "VOICES" and "SISTA facilitator trained. In 2007 she was the first female PEER 2 PEER Adherence Counselor at AID Survival Project. In 2008 she transitioned into a private health clinic specializing in HIV/AIDS focusing on Treatment Education. She has been profiled in the Atlanta Voice highlighting African American Women Living with HIV/AID and was recently featured on a Faith based HIV education video sponsored by New Birth Christian Ministry in Lithonia, Georgia.

Morgana Jones-Dennis
Ms. Jones-Dennis founded, Love Changes in 2005 to provide people with a resource for information and services that can help increase their chances of having a healthy and passionate relationship. Ms. Dennis supports good mental health and seeks to reduce the stigma associated with counseling especially among ethnic, cultural, and social minorities. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Professional Counseling from Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ra Kabeer
Educational Trainer and Wholistic Health Consultant for the Wholistic Stress Control Institute for 15 years in stress management, violence prevention, HIV/AIDS education. He has facilitated HIV Prevention workshops for eight years, has worked with individuals living with HIV as a Massage Therapist and Chi-Gong Specialist. His Social Worker/Trainer of Peace Project, has conducted violence prevention workshops, group sessions – youth, incarcerated teens, parents, and professionals.

Kim Lewis
Dr. Kimberly S. Lewis is the manager of Dental Services for the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness. Dr. Lewis is a graduate of Spelman College and the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. A seasoned public health dental professional, Dr. Lewis began her career in 1982 in Detroit Michigan as a Dentist in the City of Detroit's Department of Health. She has since provided dental care in the public sector at DeKalb County Health Department, Westchester County Health Department in New York and in Fulton County, Georgia. Dr. Lewis is a fierce weekend athlete who enjoys playing tennis and has been a member of the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association (ALTA) since 1997. She was an ALTA City Champion in 1998 and completed her first Peachtree Road Race in 2008.

Jeanette Nu'Man
Jeanette Nu'Man is a member of the African American Outreach Initiative (AAOI) Planning Committee where she serves as Chair of the Evaluation Committee and Historian. She served as the facilitator of the planning process that culminated in the African American Outreach Initiative and Chair of the Program Committee for the Initiative until 2005. Ms. Nu'Man is currently Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Committee of the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Services Planning Council. In her full-time work, Ms. Nu'Man is a Technical Director with Macro International Inc. where she provides leadership and supervision for projects and is responsible for managing multiple projects, developing new business, and supervising staff.

David Malebranche
David J. Malebranche, MD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Emory University's School of Medicine and has a joint appointment with the Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta, Georgia. He sees patients at the Ponce Infectious Disease Center, a local clinic that provides comprehensive care to uninsured patients living with HIV/AIDS and supervises medical providers-in-training at the Primary Care Center at Grady Memorial Hospital in downtown Atlanta. Additionally, Dr. Malebranche conducts research exploring the social, structural, and cultural factors influencing sexual risk behavior and HIV testing practices, particularly among Black men and men who have sex with men (MSM).

Veronica Motley
Veronica Motley, MA, LPC is a mental health clinician with Emory University and provides mental health services through the Alafia Project at Grady Infectious Disease Program and at Crawford Long Infectious Disease Program. She is also a volunteer clinician with Positive Impact and runs The Next Step, a support group for people who are newly diagnosed with HIV. She has been working with people affected by HIV for the last five years. She does this work because she believes that everyone is valuable and deserves to live the best life possible.

Tonia Poteat
Tonia Poteat, MMSc, PA-C, MPH has been involved in the fight against AIDS since 1989 when she began volunteering at an AIDS service organization while in college. After she completed Emory University's physician assistant program in 1995, she devoted her clinical practice to providing compassionate, knowledgeable medical care to people with HIV. She currently cares for patients at Chase Brexton Health Services in Baltimore while completing her PhD in public health.

Jeffery Roman
Jeffery Roman is native of Atlanta who has over 10 years experience working in the field of HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and advocacy. He is a public speaker who has been featured on local radio and television sharing perspectives on the impact of HIV/AIDS on minority communities. Jeff, as he prefers to be called, is currently employed at Emory University's Hope Clinic as a Community Educator. Prior to joining the staff of the Hope Clinic he worked at Our Common Welfare and the Georgia Office of Minority Health. Jeff currently is completing Bachelor of Arts degrees in Social Sciences and Sociology at Ashford University. Jeff believes that if HIV/AIDS impacts one of us, it **impacts** all of us.

Tamika Sanchez-Jones
Dr. Tamika Sanchez-Jones is currently a John A. Hartford Foundation/Atlantic Philanthropies Claire M. Fagin Fellow. She was an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Kennesaw State University and is on sabbatical to complete her fellowship. Dr. Sanchez-Jones' area of primary practice for the past 18 years has been in gerontological nursing and she is a gerontological certified nurse. Dr. Sanchez-Jones' area of interest is health disparities among older minority populations.

Seshu Sarma

Aeryk Shields
Aeryk Shields was born in Orlando, Florida in 1971 to very loving parents with his father as his first and current hero. As a high-school student, he was a talented track athlete; which taught him more about leadership, team work and dedication. In 1992, two weeks after his 21st birthday, Aeryk was diagnosed with HIV and has been living successfully and peacefully since his diagnosis. In 2006, Aeryk was diagnosed with brain cancer and given a four month prognosis. Through his faith in God he stands before you today, two and a half years later.

Gloria Taylor
Dr. Gloria Taylor is a Professor of Nursing at Kennesaw State University. She has a strong background in public health with a primary focus in infectious disease. Over the past few years Dr. Taylor has been involved in numerous HIV related research projects and has published several articles on HIVand presented her work at numerous professional and community conferences and venues.

Gwen Thomas
Gwen Thomas is a sought-after trainer. She conducted over 1000 seminars in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, The United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. No matter what the topic: management, communications, personal growth or women's empowerment, Gwen delivers a presentation that is rich in practical, work-placed tested techniques that the audience can put to use right away. Just as important, she engages attendees with her energetic presentation style and a generous dose of wit

and wisdom. Gwen is the author of The S.H.E. Experience: How to claim, re-claim and embrace absolute power in your life. (Author House Publishing, 2008)

Tesha Tyson
Born in St. Thomas United States Virgin Island (USVI), she attended Clark Atlanta University and received a BS Psychology. She is fortunate to have been a part of AID Atlanta, Living Room and currently employed at Positive Impact as a Mental Health Case Manager. Tesha feels she has been blessed with an eleven year old son and she absolutely loves serving, educating and empowering others.

Sandra Vincent
Sandra Vincent is employed by Fulton County Government and serves as the Project Officer for the Metropolitan Atlanta Health Services Planning Council. A Council funded under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006. As Project Officer she works with the 156 member planning council, its committees, work groups, task forces, and consumer caucus.

John Warchol
John Warchol is the managing attorney of Atlanta Legal Aid's AIDS Legal Project, where he has worked since 1995. John earned a B.S. in Industrial Design at Georgia Tech in 1986 and a J.D. at the University of Georgia School of Law in 1993. John received the 2007 John Kappers AIDS Community Service Award. John is a triathlete and lives in Atlanta with his dog Riley, who won the 1 mile Dog Jog in 2006.

Craig Washington
Craig Washington recently returned to AID Atlanta as a Manager of Prevention Programs at AID Atlanta. He oversees four intervention programs including the Deeper Love Project for Black gay men; the Evolution Center for young Black gay men; HIV Counseling, Testing and Referral Services; and the Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services program. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Master of Social Work degree from GSU in May 2008. He has been living with HIV for 23 years.

John Williams
Mr. Williams is a certified Addictions Counselor with over 30 years experience in the human services working with diverse populations. He has 18 years of direct care addiction specific experience with the HIV/AIDS population. Mr. Williams is an accomplished Substance Abuse Program Developer and recently developed and manages a substance abuse program for HIV+ individuals with addiction and mental health diagnosis

Eric D. Wilson
Eric D. Wilson was born in Indianapolis, IN and moved to Detroit when he was eleven years old, where he attended Wayne State University. He then moved to Atlanta in 1987 to pursue a cosmetology career in management. Trained as an Addiction Counselor in 1994 in the Impact Program at Positive Impact and is currently working on his certification. Eric is currently employed at Southern Men's Housing Alliance in Decatur as an Addiction Counselor/Case Manager. He's been in recovery for the past nine years. Eric states that "recovery is an inside job that requires a spiritual connection".

Francia Wilson
Francia Wilson, MSW, is the Bilingual Medical Social Worker at AID Gwinnett since May, 2007. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Science/Family Studies at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island, and attended Simmons College in Massachusetts where she received a Masters Degree in Social Work (Master of Social Work, MSW); and then went on to obtain her License Master of Social Work (LMSW) in the state of Rhode Island. She considers herself an activist who is aware of the importance of advocating for the rights of our community and the importance of participating in the US political system to make a positive difference in the lives of our clients.

INSPIRATIONAL

Kimberly Dobson
Dr. Kimberley A. Dobson currently serves as the Principal Management Official for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Surveillance Branch, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. Leading up to her current position, Dr. Dobson most recently served as the HIV Prevention Director for the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health where she was responsible for the coordination of HIV Prevention services which included the development of the 2009-13 State of Georgia HIV Prevention Comprehensive Plan. She also provided administrative oversight in the development of DHR's HIV prevention statewide media campaigns entitled- HERstory targeting African-American women and P.A.U.S.E., targeting Black gay men. She has been a volunteer for several years as an HIV Instructor Trainer for the American Red Cross, South African Red Cross Society, local community-based

organizations, churches and civic organizations. In addition to her Doctorate degree, Dr. Dobson also holds a Master's degree in Educational Psychology.

Kevin English

Kevin was born on the south side of Chicago and raised by both of his parents in the mid 1960's. He tested positive for HIV in March 1988 at the age of 23. Kevin has worked in the field of HIV/AIDS for the past 8 years. Currently, Kevin is the Director of Counseling & Testing Program with Positive Impact. Kevin also chairs the HIV Health & Wellness Ministry at Tabernacle Baptist Church where he is also one of the Associate Ministers. Kevin lives with his partner of 2 ½ years Luther Jones, daughter Kera, and grandson Keante & Kaylin. March 2008 marks 20 years that Kevin has survived and thrived with living with HIV/AIDS. He wants to be an example of how a person diagnosed with HIV/AIDS can live a productive and a successful life with this disease

Pastor Dennis A. Meredith

Pastor Dennis A. Meredith, loving father of 3 sons, gained his Bachelor of Arts degree in religion from Sanford University in Birmingham, Alabama. In Birmingham, he served at Mount Zion Baptist Church and Sardis Baptist Church. Traversing from east to west coast, Reverend Meredith attended graduate school at Golden Gate Theological Seminary, while serving as pastor of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Oakland, California. While in California, he began to hone his ministerial and musical crafts. He frequently attended Edwin Hawkins Music and Arts Seminar and Love Fellowship Conference, where he served on the Board of Directors for 10 years as treasurer. Reverend Meredith also has history with the late great gospel legend James Cleveland as he partnered in the Gospel Music Workshop of America; and has worked with talent such as Charles Nicks. His outreach ministry, which focuses on healing and empowering unhealthy communities, led to the founding of Beacon of Hope, Inc. (BOH) in 1996, a nationally accredited early childhood and school age education program; youth and adult leadership, education, training, and employment programs; and family advocacy programs. Reverend Meredith, in another realm of ministry, has spearheaded the "Stop the Hate" campaign, which theoretically places emphasis on stopping self-hate by spiritually and personally affirming "all" person(s) regardless of race, gender, sexuality, socio-economic background, and/or physical ability – in hopes of improving socio-economics in our communities and reducing HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. In May of 2008 Reverend Meredith was honored by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) with the Dan Bradley Humanitarian Award for his activism and service to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Jeanette Nu'Man

Jeanette Nu'Man is a member of the African American Outreach Initiative (AAOI) Planning Committee where she serves as Chair of the Evaluation Committee and Historian. She served as the facilitator of the planning process that culminated in the African American Outreach Initiative and Chair of the Program Committee for the Initiative until 2005. Ms. Nu'Man is currently Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Committee of the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Services Planning Council. The Comprehensive Plan is blueprint that guides the process of developing a more cohesive HIV services delivery system and directs the work of the committees. Ms. Nu'Man is a Technical Director with Macro International Inc. where she provides leadership and supervision for projects and is responsible for managing multiple projects, developing new business, and supervising staff. Ms. Nu'Man has worked with a number of community organizations, staff, and individuals in Atlanta in a variety of capacities with a focus on helping them build their organizations, provide efficient and effective services, and to achieve sustainability. Ms. Nu'Man holds a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology with a specialty in Program Research, Development, and Evaluation. She is certified as a Master Trainer by the State of Georgia and Commonwealth of Virginia.

PERFORMERS

Andre Johnson

Andrea Johnson is 21 years-old, he is currently employed at WalMart. Andre is a political activist and advocate within the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community. He's a Board member of Youth Pride and a dedicated volunteer at STAND, Inc.

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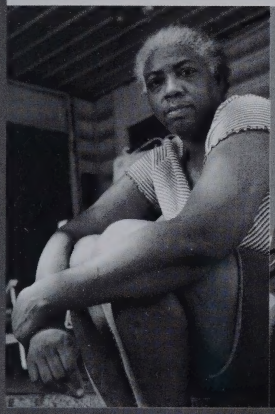

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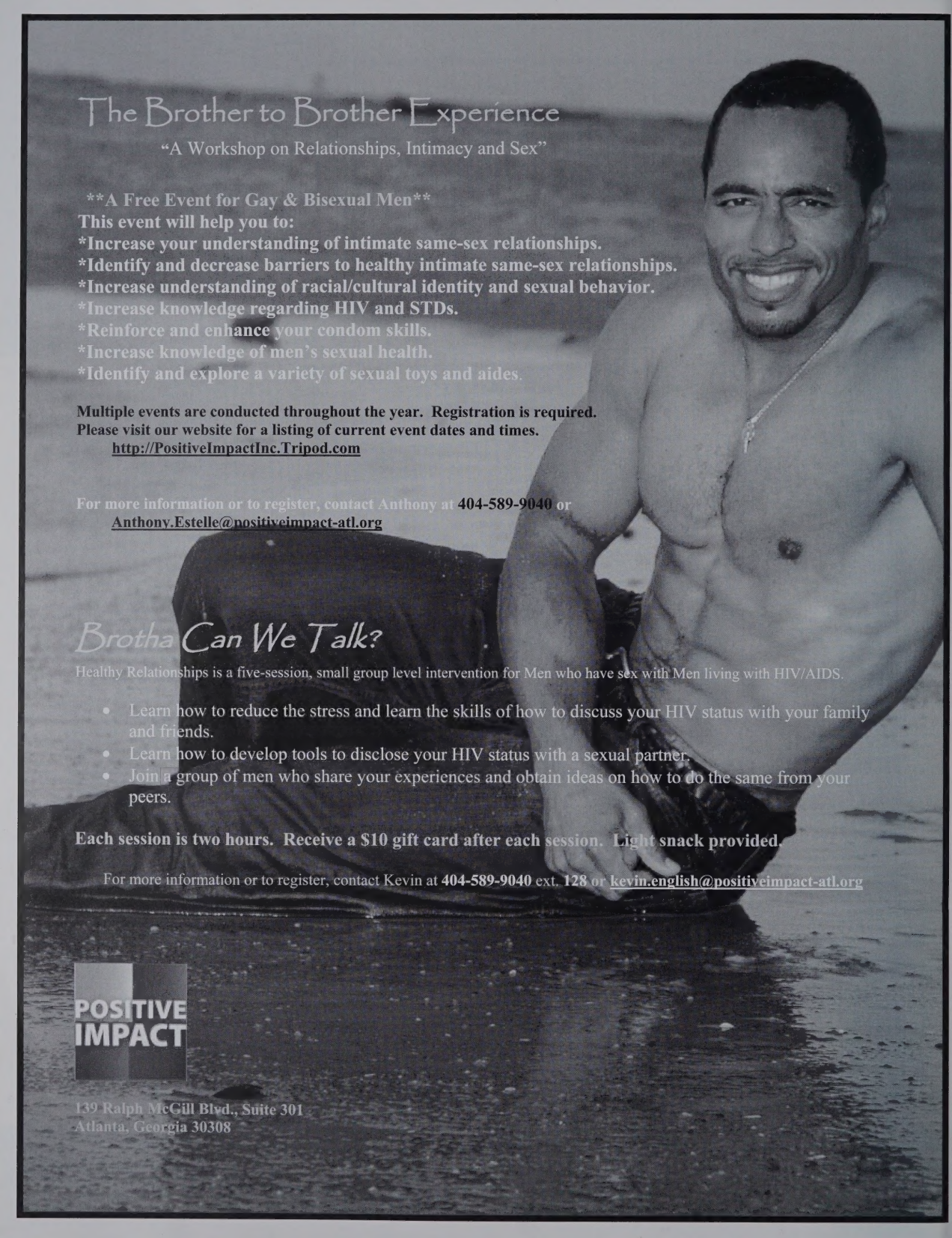

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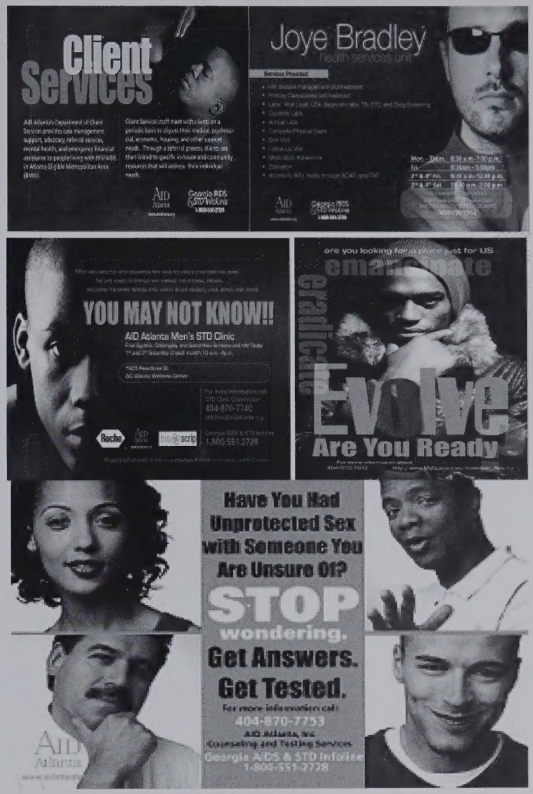

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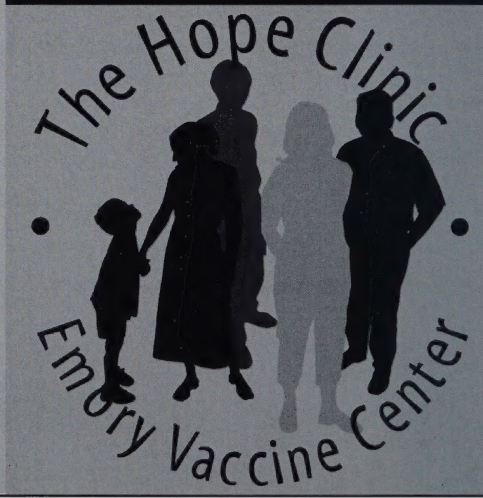

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The AAOI Health Fair is a comprehensive screening provided by the American Kidney Fund's Minority Intervention and Kidney Education (MIKE) Program. The MIKE Program is a minority health outreach program that MIKE partners with public and private organizations, including community and faith-based organizations to provide education, screening and follow-up services for people who are most at risk for kidney disease. The program targets: African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Native Americans

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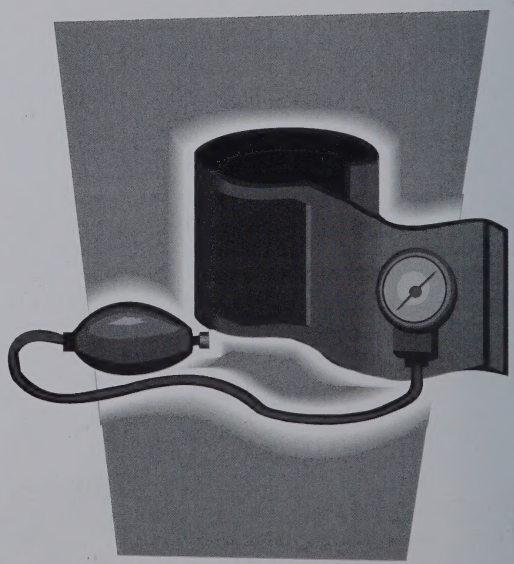
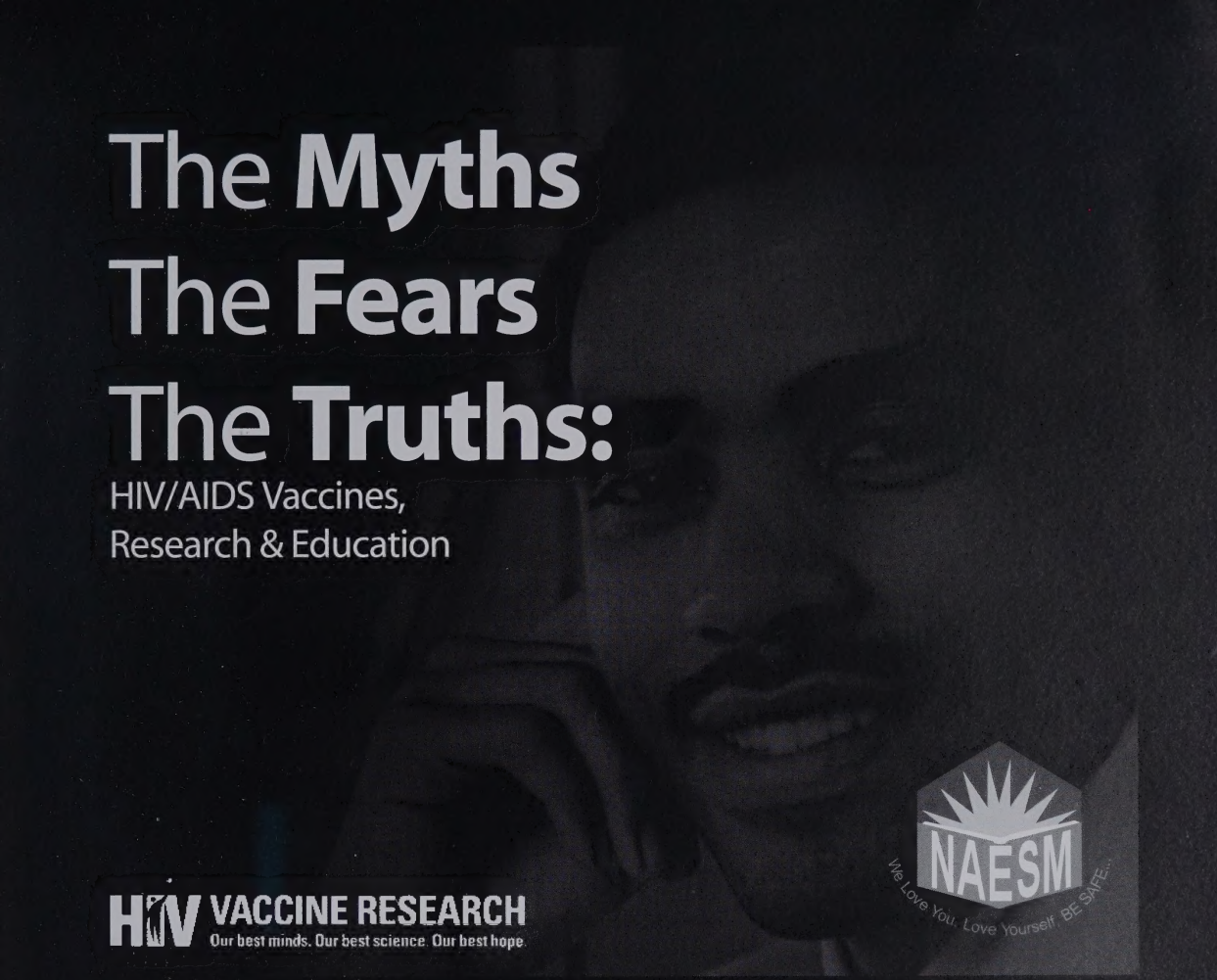
*Participants must be 18 years or older.

Additionally, the MIKE Program will distribute educational materials and giveaways.





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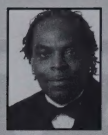

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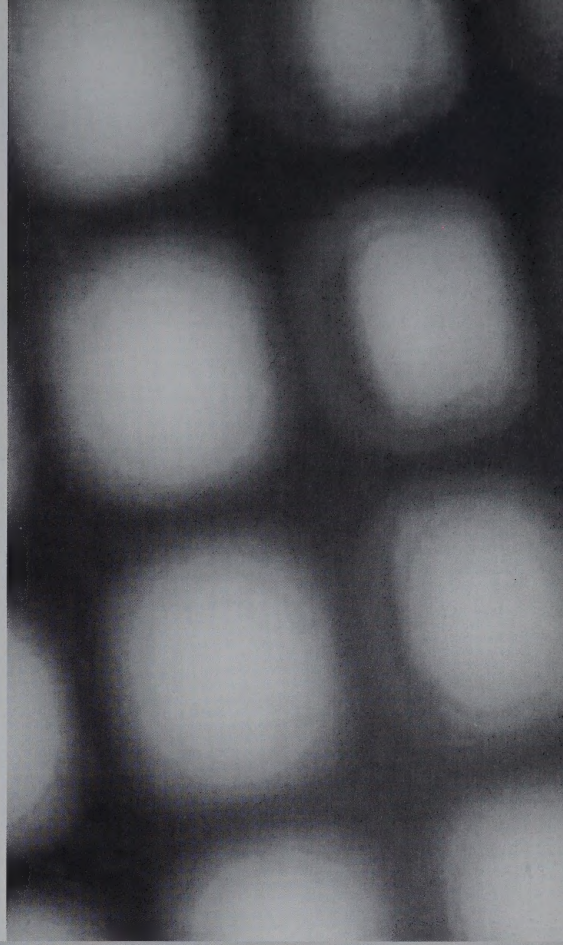

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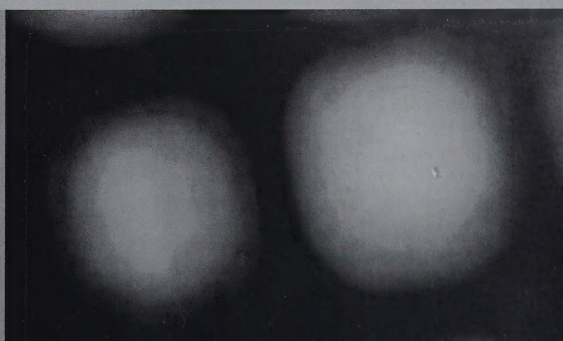

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